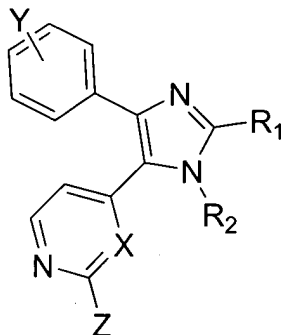


Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A compound represented by formula I:



(I)

wherein

R₁ is C₁₋₆alkyl;

R₂ is H, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₃₋₈cycloalkyl, OC₁₋₆alkyl or C(O)C₁₋₆alkyl;

R₃ is H, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₃₋₈cycloalkyl, OC₁₋₆alkyl, C(O)C₁₋₆alkyl or C₁₋₆alkylaryl ~~aryl~~alkyl;

X is N;

Y is H, halogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, CN or CF₃;

Z is NHR₃ or F;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable addition salt and/or hydrate thereof, or ~~where applicable~~, a geometric or optical isomer or racemic mixture thereof.

2. (previously presented): A compound as defined in claim 1 wherein R₂ is C₃₋₈ cycloalkyl.

3. (canceled)

4. (previously presented): A pharmaceutical composition which is comprised of a compound in accordance with claim 1 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

5. (withdrawn) A pharmaceutical composition which is produced by combining a compound in accordance with claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

6. (withdrawn) A method of treating a cytokine mediated disease in a mammal, comprising administering to a mammalian patient in need of such treatment an amount of a compound as described in claim 1 in an amount which is effective to treat said cytokine mediated disease.

7. (withdrawn) A method of treating inflammation in a mammalian patient in need of such treatment, which is comprised of administering to said patient an anti-inflammatory effective amount of a compound as described in claim 1.

8. (withdrawn) A method in accordance with claim 6 wherein the cytokine mediated disease is rheumatoid arthritis, osteoarthritis, endotoxemia, toxic shock syndrome, inflammatory bowel disease, tuberculosis, atherosclerosis, muscle degeneration, cachexia, psoriatic arthritis, Reiter's syndrome, rheumatoid arthritis, gout, traumatic arthritis, rubella arthritis or acute synovitis.

9. (withdrawn) A method in accordance with claim 6 wherein the cytokine mediated disease is rheumatoid arthritis, rheumatoid spondylitis, osteoarthritis, gouty arthritis, sepsis, septic shock, endotoxic shock, gram negative sepsis, toxic shock syndrome, adult respiratory distress syndrome, cerebral malaria, chronic pulmonary inflammatory disease, silicosis, pulmonary sarcosis, bone resorption diseases, reperfusion injury, graft v. host rejection, allograft rejection, fever, myalgia due to infection, cachexia secondary to infection or malignancy, cachexia secondary to acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS), AIDS related complex (ARC), keloid formation, scar tissue formation, Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis or pyresis.

10. (withdrawn) A method of treating osteoporosis in a mammalian patient in need of such treatment, which is comprised of administering to said patient an amount of a compound as described in claim 1 which is effective to treat osteoporosis.

11. (withdrawn) A method of treating bone resorption in a mammalian patient in need of such treatment, which is comprised of administering to said patient an amount of a compound as described in claim 1 which is effective to treat bone resorption.

12. (withdrawn) A method of treating Crohn's disease in a mammalian patient in need of such treatment which is comprised of administering to said patient an amount of a compound as described in claim 1 which is effective to treat Crohn's disease.

13. (withdrawn) A process for making a pharmaceutical composition comprising combining a compound of Claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.